WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of preventing or inhibiting a subsequent stroke in a patient who has previously suffered at least one earlier stroke, said method comprising administering to such a patient an effective subsequent stroke inhibiting amount of an AT_1-receptor antagonist.

2. A method according to claim 1, for inhibiting a secondary stroke, wherein said patient has experienced only one earlier stroke.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the AT_1-receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of candesartan, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, telmisartan, valsartan and physiologically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the AT_1-receptor antagonist is eprosartan or a physiologically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the AT_1-receptor antagonist is eprosartan mesylate.